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SUBJECT: REASSIGNMENT OF GOVERNORS

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1. CONSULATE INFORMED UNEQUIVOCALLY BY TWO INDEPENDENT KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES THAT CHANGE OF GOVERNORS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH.

2. NES COMMISSIONER OF WORKS AND SURVEY A.Y. BALLA DURING OFFICE VISIT SAID MILITARY GOVERNOR MUSA USMAN WOULD BE LEAVING IN JUNE AND WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY ON AMBASSADORSHIP. BALLA WHO SPOKE HIGHLY OF USMAN'S PERFORMANCE AND ABILITY AS MILITARY GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO REPLACE.

3. ICSA SECRETARY, ABDU ABUBAKAR, IN SEPARATE ENCOUNTER, ASSERTED MILITARY GOVERNORS WOULD BE CHANGED BEFORE END OF JUNE. ACCORDING TO ABUBAKAR, HOWEVER, "OLD" GOVERNORS WOULD NOT BE APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS OR AMBASSADORS BUT WOULD BE RETURNED TO MILITARY DUTY FOR WHICH PURPOSE NEW COMMANDS WERE BEING ESTABLISHED.

4. COMMENT BOTH MEN IN POSITION TO KNOW WHEREOF THEY SPEAK. ABUBAKAR, PARTICULARLY, WHO LONG HAS CLAIMED GOWON WOULD DELAY REMOVAL OF GOVERNORS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, WOULD BE
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UNLIKELY TO MAKE SUCH FLAT STATEMENT IF ANY UNCERTAINTY ABOUT

DECISION. NEITHER MAN PROFESSED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF LIKELY
REPLACEMENTS.
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